Date: 2/15/15 (Repeated 2/16/19 revised slightly)

Title: God’s Valentine

Theme: God’s love letter to us is the Bible

Object: Valentine’s gift containing New Testament; Bella’s valentines from friends at school, box of valentine candy mints.

Text: 1 Cor 13:13 (NKJV) 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Did any of you celebrate Valentine’s Day this past Thursday?

Who can tell me what Valentine’s Day is all about? (Love and friendship)

Did you give any of your friends a valentine? Did you get any from them?

Here’s some things that Bella got at school: Lots of valentines from her friends and candy!

How many like M&M’s?

If you’re quiet and listen to the children’s sermon, I’ll give you an M&M at the end, ok?

It’s nice to be kind to others and be friends with them.

That’s what our verse of scripture says: “The greatest of these is love.” [read again]

Love is greater than faith and hope.

That makes love the greatest thing in the world!

The greatest love in all the world is the love of God for you and me.

The Bible says that God loved us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

But you know, we wouldn’t know about the love of God unless He sent us a “valentine” to tell us.

And here it is. This is God’s valentine to you and me. [Show candy box. Open it. Get out the NT]

This is God’s love letter to you and me.

In this little Bible God tells us that He is love, and He loves us with an amazing love.

Here let me read it to you. [Read John 3:16]

God loved you so much He sent Jesus to die for our sins so we can be forgiven and live with Him forever.

That’s real love!!

How many are interested in that kind of love?

Let’s tell Jesus that we love Him too, and want to be His friends forever!

Prayer:

Don’t forget your M&M!

Changes:

[Who knows what special day we celebrate this coming \_\_\_? (Valentine’s Day)]

[What else did you get? Look at all the things Bella got. Cards, pencils, candy.]

{Here’s a box of mints. Would you like a valentine mint? What does it say on your mint?]